



FIGHT BRUNDAGE

Big Deneen-Busse Leaders in Twenty-third Ward Back Franklin Catlin Against the Present Committeeman.

The Battle for Delegates, Committeeships and Other Big Plums Taking Up Attention of Local Statesmen.

The April Primary Will Cut a Big Figure in the Coming Election Throughout the State of Illinois.

Factions in Both the Big Parties Are Making a Hard Fight for the Control of the Managing Committees.

Edward J. Brundage is having his first big fight to maintain himself as Republican committeeman of the Twenty-third Ward. Brundage was formerly committeeman for the Twenty-fourth Ward, but when the wards were redivided his residence was included within the boundaries of the new and present Twenty-third Ward. Brundage became committeeman automatically for the Twenty-third Ward, and his brother, L. A. Brundage, was made committeeman for the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Now the Twenty-third Ward is a pretty big proposition and has a large number of able Republican leaders in it who did not view the Brundage leadership with pleasure—to say the least.

Among these was the powerful Deneen-Busse following, including the friends of Charles W. Andrews, former committeeman, and Franklin Catlin, former Representative.

This faction includes the most active Republicans in the south and east ends of the ward. They have taken up Franklin Catlin as their candidate for ward committeeman against Brundage. As the men composing this crowd are strong financially as well as politically their fight is a serious menace to Brundage's continued leadership.

Former Alderman Jacob A. Hey is a strong candidate also with a big following.

Mayor Thompson's friends are fighting Brundage with still another candidate in the person of A. O. Erickson.

The Catlin people are making a hard fight and a house to house campaign.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION

It Will Be Held at Springfield on April 21, with Complications in Sight.

The Democrats, through Chairman Charles, have called the Democratic state convention to be held in Springfield on April 21. The call is based on one delegate to every 400 votes cast for the Wilson presidential electors in 1912. The convention will contain 1,029 delegates, of whom 342 will be from Cook County.

This year the state convention comes several months ahead of the primaries for state officers, and reports have been current that a proposition to indorse a slate of state candidates might be considered by the delegates.

Efforts are expected to be made to get through a series of indorsements, which may result in throwing down the bars for the recommendation of candidates for all the big offices.

The Dunne-Harrison-Lewis group is

expected to be ready with resolutions indorsing Senator James Hamilton Lewis for the Democratic nomination for Vice President. Another resolution will indorse Governor Dunne's administration and may endeavor to put an O. K. on the governor for re-nomination.

Party leaders who look for the introduction of such resolutions likewise discern a fine chance for a fight between the Sullivan group and the Harrison-Dunne-Lewis combination.

DEMOCRATS IN LEAD

Cavass of Vote Cast at Last Week's Primary Shows Them a Big Majority.

Official figures on the total vote cast at last week's primaries and the vote on candidates for the Municipal Court vacancy were issued by the election board as follows:

| | Men. | Women. | Total. |
|-------------|---------|--------|---------|
| Democratic | 110,212 | 49,006 | 159,218 |
| Republican | 99,815 | 54,728 | 154,543 |
| Socialist | 1,199 | 323 | 1,522 |
| Progressive | 64 | 29 | 93 |
| Scattered | | | 2,544 |

Total 317,920

WHY TAXPAYERS SUFFER

City Pay Rolls Increased Eleven Million of Dollars in Five Years.

The number of tax eaters on the city payrolls increased 5,991 in five years and the cost to the taxpayers increased nearly eleven millions of dollars.

In 1910-11, the last year of the Busse administration, the figures were: Number of employees on city pay rolls, 23,210.

Amount of city pay rolls, \$24,555,496.

In 1914-15, the last year of the Harrison administration, the figures were: Number of employees on city pay rolls, 29,201.

Amount of city pay rolls, \$35,173,535. Increase in number of city employees in five years, 5,991.

Increase in five years in cost to taxpayers by increase in pay rolls, \$10,618,039.

No wonder taxes are high.

BLAME THE "REFORMERS"

The Fad Leaders and Sob Sisters Constantly Suggesting New Methods of Robbing Taxpayers.

The law ought to be amended so that professional reformers could be jailed without trial every time they discovered a new fad.

Professional reformers are behind the robbery of the taxpayers of Chicago.

Taxes were never so high as they are now and are still going up. Reformers are still flocking to Chi-

cago to pluck the industrious people and to fill high salaried but unnecessary jobs created for them.

Public Welfare! Public morals!!

Civil service!!!

What extortion and robbery of taxpayers is committed in those names.

Jobs for women reformers.

Jobs for male reformers.

Jobs for professional reformers.

And the Chicago taxpayer pays the freight.

The City Council is full of useless men. It is a useless body. It does no

DUNNE LAUDS UTILITIES BOYD

Banquet for Members of Commission Held in Springfield on Tuesday Night.

Springfield, Ill., March 7.—Governor Dunne, speaking here tonight at a banquet in the Leland Hotel before members of the State Public Utilities Commission and employees of the offices, declared that the presence of the commission had done away with the cry for municipal ownership.

"Not only has the commission not been a source of expense to the state, but it has brought into the treasury the sum of \$390,000 in fees during the last two years, declared the governor.

William L. O'Connell, chairman of the commission, was toastmaster.

HARRISON'S DEFEAT

Sullivan Leaders Say Vote Cast for Doyle, Sullivan Candidate at Primary, Forecasts It.

Sullivan leaders declare that the vote cast for Leo J. Doyle, the Sullivan candidate for Judge of the Municipal Court, at the primary, Feb. 29th, clearly indicates the overwhelming defeat of Harrison by Sullivan for delegate at large on April 11. Running as the Sullivan candidate, Doyle received a plurality of 41,120 over the Harrison man.

PHILLIP'S PREDICTION

The Able Political Editor of the Chicago Tribune Makes Republican Forecast.

In an ably written and masterful copyrighted article on the Republican situation in the Chicago Tribune, E. O. Phillips, the well posted political editor of the Tribune says that "un-instructed delegates will be in an easy majority in the Republican convention at Chicago next June. No favorite son will enter the convention with more than 100 delegates bound to him by instructions.

"The uninstructed majority will be

MAYOR WINS OUT

Thompson Beats the Merriam-Buck Combination in Fight Over Annual Budget in the City Council.

Gossip About the Work of Public Officials and Others in Various Departments of Public Life.

Public Men and Public Conditions as They Are Seen by the People in the Light of Their Performances.

General Information of a Public and Political Nature From All Parts of the State and All Parties In It.

Mayor Thompson defeated the Merriam-Buck-Noise combination in the city council Monday night and the mayor, the city comptroller and friendly council leaders arranged a conference to plan a half-million-dollar cut in the corporate fund budget of \$27,434,791 passed by the city council Monday night.

The "rebel nine" combination was deserted by many of its former supporters in the final showdown, the roll call on the motion to pass the budget showing 44 in favor and 23 against. The city council will meet to con-

the total to \$63,005,498. The items in this total were:

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Corporate fund | \$27,434,791.00 |
| Vehicle fund | \$76,460.00 |
| Traction fund, subways | 2,224,500.00 |
| School purposes | 23,625,000.00 |
| Public library | 1,131,400.00 |
| Tuberculosis sanitarium | 1,040,000.00 |
| Sinking fund | 5,247,997.39 |
| To be reimbursed | 1,325,350.00 |

Total \$63,005,498.39

Restoration of the "spite" cuts made by the council finance committee in the height of its war with the mayor was forced by the city administration adherents on the council floor. The main items put back were \$54,000, proposed to be taken out of the law department appropriation, restoration of the position of Morris Eller, city sealer, and of the salary of President Percy B. Coffin, of the civil service commission to \$5,000 a year, its present amount.

ALL PRAISE SCULLY

County Judge Wins Applause from All Factions for Primaries Without a Flaw.

The late primaries conducted under the personal supervision of County Judge Thomas F. Scully and his chief clerk, Dennis J. Egan, were the first flawless primary election ever held in Chicago and the judge is praised for bringing this about, by all factions of all parties.

PLACE FOR MRS. BUSSE

Aldermen Create a Position for Former Mayor's Widow Who Was Left Penniless.

Mrs. Fred A. Busse, wife of the former mayor, is to be given a \$1,500 clerkship in the city law department.

The position was especially created for Mrs. Busse by the council finance committee. Corporation Counsel Ettelson said he approved the action of the committee and would find work for her to do.

Chairman John A. Richert brought the matter to the attention of his associates. He said a committee of Mrs. Busse's friends had called on him with a plea in behalf of the former mayor's wife. They said she was practically without means of support.

Her husband's estate was wiped out by claims.

JUDGE BURKE IS RIGHT

There Is Too Much Psychopathic Nonsense in Dealing with Young Crooks.

The reformers who are nullifying the efforts of the police force to rid Chicago of crime, by claiming that every young thief is psychopathically weak, and should not be punished for crime, received a severe rebuke from

Judge Richard E. Burke, Chief Justice of the Criminal Court.

"I don't need a psychopath to tell me whether this boy is normal or subnormal," said Judge Burke. "He is normal."

Dr. Healy had recommended that the boy be sent to the army or navy or else to a farm.

"I have too much respect for the uniforms of the army and navy to put a confessed criminal into one," said the judge. "I think the farm is the place for him, and the state has a fine farm at the Pontiac reformatory."

"What's the use of all this testing of minds to determine a man's mental state? Any judge can, by a few questions, tell whether or not a person before him has a responsible mind."

"BOOZE" COMMISSION

City Council Creates One Monday Night to Report on Every Saloon in City.

Alderman John Toman, council floor leader of the wets, who threw his influence in with that of Thompson Monday night practically for the first time since the Sunday closing order, led off with the motion to appropriate \$10,000 for the "booze" commission.

The vote was 35 to 32, three "wets"—Rodriguez, Geiger and Cross—opposing the motion.

"In view of the public attitude of doubt that it is a 'wet' commission," said Alderman Rodriguez, "I don't believe we will get \$10,000 worth of information."

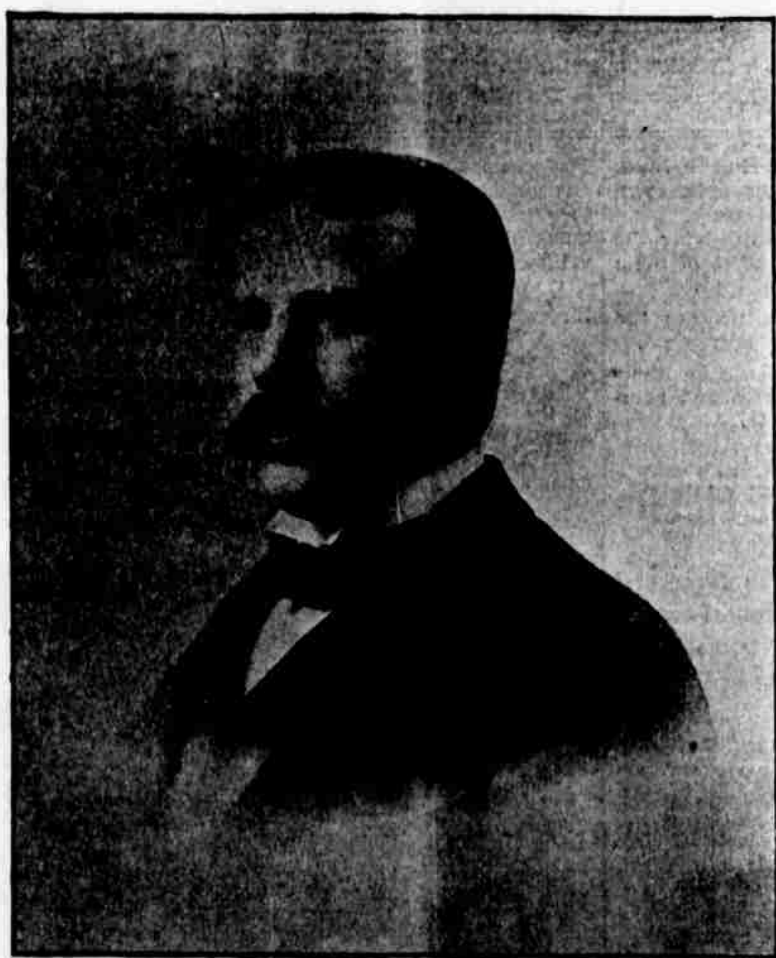
Alderman Captain objected that it takes thirty-six votes to appropriate, but the mayor ruled against him, and the commission is now authorized to "go into every saloon in Chicago."

WISH BOETIUS GOOD LUCK

Talented Son of Democratic Leader Becomes Member of Leading Law Firm.

James F. Meagher, one of the great lawyers in America, has taken a partner into his new firm in the person of Boetius H. Sullivan, the talented son of Roger C. Sullivan, the Democratic leader.

The law firm of Sears, Meagher & Whitney has dissolved, according to an announcement, which states that Attorneys Nathaniel C. Sears, Silas M. Wiley and William E. Sherwin have formed a copartnership. James F. Meagher, Edward S. Whitney, Jesse J. Ricks, Boetius H. Sullivan, all associated with the original firm, and others, will continue the practice of law under the firm name of Meagher, Whitney, Ricks & Sullivan.



FRANCIS STUYVESANT PEABODY.
Leader in the Business, Financial and Political World.

good and is responsible for the creating of costly jobs to gratify fads.

It is time the people woke up and called a halt on this saturnalia of extravagance.

Ten million dollars a year could be saved to the city by the abolition of useless jobs.

Judge Thomas F. Scully of the County Court has been appointed a member of the Illinois Centennial Commission by Governor Dunne.

badly divided and the attempt is to be made openly and fairly to nominate the strongest available candidate, as the situation develops after the delegates shall have reached the Coliseum.

"The Democratic national convention will open at St. Louis, one week later, with more than two-thirds of the delegates instructed to renominate President Wilson. The only fight in sight is over the language of the platform and a contingent skirmish as to the vice presidential nomination."

sider the plan of eliminating \$545,689, by which the appropriations will be brought within the city's estimated revenue for 1916.

As passed by the city council the 1916 corporate fund budget is nearly \$800,000 larger than in 1915, the totals being \$27,434,791 for the current year, as compared with \$26,623,588 for 1915. In addition to the corporate fund appropriations the council authorized lump-sum expenditures for the schools, library and other purposes, bringing